

## SURVEY FINAL REPORT

### Methodology Statement

#### *Objective*

The objective of the 1997–1998 Lexington Comprehensive Community Survey Project was to add approximately 110 properties to the existing Lexington survey in order to help the Lexington Historical Commission enforce the town's anti-demolition ordinance.

#### *Selection*

The 117 forms finally completed in the 1998 survey were selected from over 600 properties that had been identified by various sources. The largest group, 492 properties, had been identified by a 1996 class in the preservation program Boston University conducted by Sally Zimmerman, a preservation consultant and Lexington resident. The class attempted to identify all buildings in Lexington that had been built before 1910 and not previously surveyed. The dates were obtained from the assessor's list, which is notoriously inaccurate. As a result, the class survey missed some older buildings, included many which are architecturally insignificant, and, for styles that came after 1910 or span that date, did not include all or any buildings of those styles. The class did, however, complete the page 1 of the MHC "B" (Building) form for all the properties it identified, and these forms, particularly the photographs, were very useful in the 1998 survey.

Other sources of properties considered for the 1998 survey included those recommended for future survey in 1984 by consultant Anne Grady. (Of the 236 properties recommended by Ms. Grady, 95 were different from those identified by Ms. Zimmerman's class.) A third source were properties noted by Nancy Seasholes, the 1998 consultant, as she walked and drove around Lexington evaluating the properties suggested by others. Most of those added by Ms. Seasholes were of 20th-century eclectic styles, but some were older houses that had otherwise been overlooked. The two other sources of properties considered for the 1998 survey were seven historically significant houses outside the historic districts suggested by Larry Whipple, the town historian (of which three were in addition to those on the Zimmerman and Grady lists) and the lists compiled by Edwin Worthen, the former town historian, of houses that have been moved.

To select the properties to be included in the 1998 survey, various criteria were considered—a building's age, the likelihood that it might be demolished, its architectural integrity, the number of that style included in the existing inventory, the number of that style in Lexington, and its historical significance. The Lexington Historical Commission decided, however, that a building's age should be the major criterion and historical significance a second factor. The MHC felt that architectural integrity should also be a consideration.

The consultant grouped the identified buildings by architectural style as a rough indication of age, and, applying the criteria of age and historical significance, selected the following properties for inclusion in the 1998 survey: all eight of the Georgian or 18th-century buildings that had been identified, regardless of their architectural integrity; all but two of the Federals, again irregardless of architectural integrity (the two omitted are in an historic district, thus already protected to some extent, and are recommended for inclusion in the next survey); and all but five of the Greek Revivals identified (the five omitted have lost their architectural integrity but are recommended for inclusion in the next survey). Many fewer buildings of later styles were included with the exception of Second Empires, of which there are relatively few in Lexington, and those selected generally had high architectural integrity. Thus, 34 Italianates were included in the 1998 survey of the 92 identified; 3 of the 4 Second Empires (the one omitted is included in the Meagherville Area form); 11 of the 163 Queen Annes; 1 of the 12 Shingle Style houses; 5 of the 121

Colonial Revivals identified; 3 of the 83 Craftsman; and 1 of the 37 20th-century Eclectic buildings. In all, the 1998 survey includes 115 buildings and 2 areas, or a total of 117 inventory forms.

### *Documentation*

When research on the properties in the 1998 survey commenced, it quickly became apparent that, in order to determine exactly when a given building was constructed, it was necessary to do research in both deeds and assessors' records, and that was the procedure followed in the 1998 survey. For a given building, historical maps were used to identify the historical owner(s) of the property, then research was done in the deeds to find who had last acquired the property when it was without any buildings, and finally research was conducted in the Lexington assessors' records to determine when that owner had built the house in question. This method, which yielded exact dates of construction for the vast majority of the houses in the survey, would not have been possible except for the completeness and quality of the Lexington assessors' records—from 1840 through 1961 they list every building on a property in any given year (after that date the buildings are coded). Although the method was not as successful for buildings constructed before 1840 when, with the exception of 1831, the assessors' records do not enumerate individual buildings, the earlier records sometimes do note a new house or barn. Dating buildings before 1840 was also hampered by deeds of that period, which are not conveniently indexed and often have property descriptions that are hard to relate to present parcels.

In addition to the maps, deeds, and assessors' records discussed above, research was conducted as much as possible in primary sources rather than in the traditional antiquarian accounts of Lexington history. Particularly useful were the genealogies in vol. 2 of Hudson's *History of Lexington*, which were essential in identifying the people mentioned in deeds and other records. Extensive use was also made of Lexington directory's and, to a lesser extent, the *Lexington Minute-man* and *Lexington Town Reports*. Edwin Worthen's notes on and photos of houses, located in the Worthen Collection at Cary Library, were also useful. His *Tracing the Past in Lexington, Massachusetts* (1998) became available just a week before the building forms were due. It shed light on many of his cryptic notes in the house-moving lists and, although not indexed, will undoubtedly become an essential source of information about the history of many houses in Lexington. Larry Whipple's notes on various houses and Tom Sileo's *Minute-man* articles were also very helpful as were the lists of David Tuttle and Willard Brown's daughter, Sarah Emily Brown Schoenhut. Historical photographs were found in the Worthen Collection, the Burr Church Collection, and Beverly Kelley's book.

Field research included contacting many of the present home owners, undertaken not only as a courtesy but often seeking the answer to a specific question(s) about the house, and often these owners provided valuable information. Interior inspections were made of a few properties that could not be dated by historical research. Finally, three people were indispensable to the survey: Tom Sileo, who loaned all his extensive notes on Lexington history; Larry Whipple, who provided notes on many houses and was always available to answer questions; and Anne Grady, who loaned all her Lexington material, suggested architectural terminology, and conducted the interior inspections.

## Street Index

### Areas

Lexington Gardens - Area AI, #782

Meagherville - Area AJ, #783-799, 1000-1015

### Adams St.

8 Adams St. - #697, George O. Whiting/Gilmore House

16 Adams St. - #698, George Simonds Jr. House  
barn #699

17 Adams St. - #700, Charles L. Pook House

18 Adams St. - #701, Charles C. Doe House

20 Adams St. - #702, Freeman J. Doe House

39 Adams St. - #703, Chapman/Johnson/Porter/Warren House

42 Adams St. - #704, David Simonds House/Maplemere Farm/Chiesa Farmhouse  
barn #705

43 Adams St. - #706, Amos Locke House

149 Adams St. - #721, Delmont A. Butterfield House

### Bedford St.

80 Bedford St. - #750, George A. Vickery House  
barn #751

89-91 Bedford St. - #752, John Davis/Hosea Holt House  
carriage house #753

186 Bedford St. - #765, Ambrose M. Cushing/Kramer House  
barn #766

265 Bedford St./ 9 North Hancock St. - #773, Nathan H. Reed House

282 Bedford St. - #774, Nathan Reed House  
barn #775

297 Bedford St. - #776, Reed/Parker House  
barn #777

330 Bedford St. - #778, Christopher Reed House #1

342 Bedford St. - #779, Christopher Reed House #2  
barn #780

### Belfry Terr.

6 Belfry Terr. - #682, Charles Hudson House

15 Belfry Terr. - #683, Ell of Charles Hudson House

### Bow St.

3 Bow St. - #635, Locke barn

### Burlington St.

9 Burlington St. - #742, Joseph or Joshua Simonds House

119 Burlington St. - #743, Sidney Butters House

130 Burlington St. - #744, Stephen Locke House

185 Burlington St. - #745, George Simonds House

Cedar St.

9-11 Cedar St. - #688, Ell of John Parkhurst House  
 176 Cedar St. - #692, Robert Parker House

Cummings Ave.

15 Cummings Ave. - #636

Curve St.

5-7 Curve St. - #643, Williams/Clapp/Munroe House

East St.

14 East St. - #707, George W. Wright House  
     barn #708  
 49 East St. - #709, David Fiske House  
 70 East St. - #710, Henry Harrington/Dr. Joseph Fiske House  
 71 East St. - #711, Timothy K. Fiske House  
     attached barn #712  
     detached barn #713  
 114 East St. - #714, Adam Peters House  
     barn #715  
 151 East St. - #716, Joseph Spaulding/Doran House  
 168 East St. - #717, Isaac Blodgett/Bailey Brothers House  
 172 East St. - #718, Bailey Brothers House

Fletcher Ave.

6 Fletcher Ave. - #669, Centre (Hancock) Engine House  
 7 Fletcher Ave. - #670  
 8 Fletcher Ave. - #671, Franklin A. Fletcher/Albert A. Sherman House  
     barn #672

Forest St.

40 Forest St. - #681, Ell of Amos Muzzey House

Glen Rd. South

14 Glen Rd. South - #679, Muzzey House; the Homestead

Grant St.

47 Grant St. - #677, Charles H. Harrington House  
 137 Grant St. - #678, Stillman Spaulding Store

Grove St.

37 Grove St. - #746, James Locke House  
     barn #747  
 241 Grove St. - #748, Daniel Cummings House  
     barn #749

Hancock St.

46 Hancock St. - #725, Warren M. Batcheller House #1  
 48 Hancock St. - #726, Warren M. Batcheller House #2  
     carriage house #727



50 Hancock St. - #728, Warren M. Batcheller House #3  
 52 Hancock St. - #729  
 53 Hancock St. - #730, Joseph F. Simonds/Batcheller/Stone House  
 54 Hancock St. - #731, Albert Fletcher Spaulding House  
 55 Hancock St. - #732, Davis House  
 56 Hancock St. - #733, Warren Duren House  
 58 Hancock St. - #734, Lorin Wetherell House  
 63 Hancock St. - #735, Dr. Robert Fiske House  
     barn #736  
 80 Hancock St. - #737, Charles Blodgett House  
     barn #738  
 83 Hancock St. - # 739, William Chandler House  
     barn #740  
 87 Hancock St. - #741, Nathan Chandler House

Hastings Rd.

21 Hastings Rd. - #685, Daniel Chandler House/Boston Female Asylum/Kimball House

Hayes Ln.

2 Hayes Ln. - #667, Central Fire Station  
 29 Hayes Ln. - #668, Ell of Charles G. Fletcher House

Independence Ave.

18 Independence Ave. - #644  
     barn #645

Ingleside Rd.

3 Ingleside Rd. - #646, Albert W. Bryant House/Kenison Place/Ryder Farmhouse

John Wilson Ln.

1 John Wilson Ln. - #638, Gleason/Daisy Wilson Farmhouse  
     barn #639

Larchmont Ln.

11 Larchmont Ln. - #762, Larchmont Farmhouse  
     Tidd School #763  
 21 Larchmont Ln. - #764, William Wood House

Lincoln St.

41 Lincoln St. - #684, Simon W. Robinson House

Lowell St.

51 Lowell St. - #655, Josiah H. Reed House  
     barn #656  
 52 Lowell St. - #657, Isaac Winship House  
 72 Lowell St. - #658, Reed Homestead  
 114 Lowell St. - #659  
 265 Lowell St. - #660, Fairlawn; also Putnam/Whipple/Wheeler House  
 344 Lowell St. - #662, George Munroe House  
     barn #663

455 Lowell St. - #664, Benjamin Wyman/S.H. Jones/Porter Farmhouse  
 477 Lowell St. - #665, Oliver C. Rogers House  
 684 Lowell St. - #719  
     barn #720

Manley Ct.

16 Manley Ct. - #666, Leonard Proctor/Freeborn Raymond House

Maple St.

15 Maple St. - #647, Nancy Brown/Gustave Kauffmann House  
 19 Maple St. - #648, Hannah Estabrook House  
 20 Maple St. - #649, Everett E. Smith House  
     barn #650  
 25 Maple St. - #651, Isaac Redfield/George Worthen House  
 27 Maple St. - #652, Edward L. Tyler House  
 29 Maple St. - #653, Arthur S. Tyler House  
 44 Maple St. - #654, Manning/Butterfield House  
 162 Maple St. - #661, Nathan Fessenden House

Marrett Rd.

241 Marrett Rd. - #641, Jonas C. Wellington or Robert M. Copeland Farmhouse  
 410 Marrett Rd. - #642, Walter Wellington Farmhouse

Massachusetts Ave.

109 Mass. Ave. - #634, Locke/Alderman House  
 2139 Mass. Ave. - #686, Walter G. Morey House  
 2173 Mass. Ave. - #687, John Parkhurst House  
 2219 Mass. Ave. - #689, Stone Store

North St.

66 North St. - #724, Nichols Locke/Willard House  
 79 North St. - #723, William Locke House  
 104 North St. - #722, William P. Gibbs House

Paul Revere Rd.

63 Paul Revere Rd. - #690, Ann Reynolds House  
     barn #691

Pleasant St.

5 Pleasant St. - #637, David Harrington House  
 154 Pleasant St. - #640, Wellington House/Minute Man Golf Club Caddie Shack

Reed St.

79 Reed St. - #772

Revere St.

11 Revere St. - #754, Benjamin Gleason House  
     barn #755  
 18 Revere St. - #756  
     barn #757

- 19 Revere St. - #758, Albert F. Hitchings/Taylor/Tropeano House  
barn #759  
23 Revere St. - #760, Benjamin F. Gleason House  
barn #761

Sherman St.

- 2 Sherman St. - #676, Thurston House  
14 Sherman St. - #675, Mulliken/Sherburne House  
29 Sherman St. - #674, Justus P. Morse House  
31 Sherman St. - #673, Hovey House

Sunny Knoll Ave.

- 1 Sunny Knoll Ave. - #768, Elizabeth F. White House  
barn #769  
7 Sunny Knoll Ave. - #770, Brooks/Gorman House  
barn #771

Vaille Ave.

- 27-29 Vaille Ave. - #767, Hibbard Bowen/Vaille House

Vine Brook Rd.

- 11 Vine Brook Rd. - #680, Abigail Estabrook/Chandler Richardson House

Williams Rd.

- 16 Williams Rd. - #781, Joshua Simonds House

Wood St.

- 148 Wood St. - #693, Ballard Place/Schumacher Farm  
160 Wood St. - #694, Schumacher Barn  
170 Wood St. - #685, Old Smith Farm  
290 Wood St. - #696, Hugh Maguire Jr. House

### National Register Recommendations

The following properties were recommended as eligible for the National Register because they are outstanding and exceptionally intact examples of their architectural styles and, in most cases, also associated with persons significant in Lexington's history.

8 Adams St. - #697, George O. Whiting/Gilmore House  
 282 Bedford St. - #774, Nathan Reed House  
 6 Belfry Terr. - #682, Charles Hudson House  
 70 East St. - #710, Henry Harrington/Dr. Joseph Fiske House  
 14 Glen Rd. South - #679, Muzzey House; the Homestead (Note: the present owners do *not* wish to be on the Register)  
 63 Hancock St. - #735, Dr. Robert Fiske House

The following properties were recommended in 1984 by Anne Grady, the consultant for that phase of the survey. These properties still retain their integrity but the recommendations have not been acted upon.

Meriam Hill district - Area H, forms #367-386, 390-404  
 Woburn St. district - Area F, forms #310-364  
 East Lexington district - Area E, forms #202-259  
 Jefferson Union Building, 31 Fletcher Ave. - #365  
 Lexington Depot - #26  
 First Baptist Church - #5  
 315 Lincoln St. - #598  
 376 Lincoln St. - #418  
 271 Marrett Rd. - #586  
 419 Marrett Rd. - #587  
 50 Percy Rd. - #500  
 110 Shade St. - #591  
 6 Stratham Rd. - #418  
 277 Waltham St. - #461  
 307 Wood St. (since moved to 289 Wood St.) - #601

## Further Study Recommendations

I. Add [number to be determined by Lexington Historical Commission (LHC) in conjunction with Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC)] properties to the existing surveys

The following list is of buildings that were identified for possible inclusion in the 1998 survey but omitted. Those who identified the buildings are indicated by the initials following the street address: SZ=Sally Zimmerman's class; AG=Anne Grady (p=priority); NS=Nancy Seasholes; LW=Larry Whipple; EW=Edwin Worthen (see "Methodology" section above for an explanation of their criteria). On the assumption that the LHC will continue the policy, established in 1997, that a building age's should be the major determinant for its inclusion in a survey, the buildings have been grouped by architectural style as a rough indication of age. Note, however, that in each category the buildings are listed in alphabetical order by street, *not* in order of precedence for inclusion in a future survey. There are photos as well as page 1 of the "B" (Building) forms for all houses surveyed by Sally Zimmerman's class and some photos of properties suggested by others.

*Area form on Upper Meriam Hill (AG)*- to include houses not covered in Meriam Hill Area Form (see Area Form H), i.e., on Abbott Rd., Berwick Rd., Castle Rd., Edgewood Rd., Franklin Rd., Glen Rd. South, Hayes Ave., Juniper Pl., Meriam St. above #35, Oakmont Cir., Roundhill Rd., Somerset Rd., and York St. (Colony and Woodland roads should be added if appropriate; Goodwin Rd., Patriots Dr., and Wadman Cir. have probably already been adequately covered in previous surveys or will be if the individual properties in the following list are included.) Houses in the Upper Meriam Hill area that have already been identified include:

- 3 Abbott Rd. (AG)
- 7 Abbott Rd. (AGp) - 1936 by William Roger Greeley, architect (see Roland Greeley to Anne Grady, 24 Feb. 1984); seems to have been recently altered
- 1 Berwick Rd. (AGp)
- 2 Berwick Rd. (AGp)
- 6 Berwick Rd. (AGp) - Willard Brown? (see Schoenhut letter #4)
- 9 Berwick Rd. (AGp)
- 18 Edgewood Rd. - #407 in 1984 survey
- 27 Edgewood Rd. - Willard Brown (see Schoenhut letter #9)
- 32 Edgewood Rd. (SZ)
- 16 Franklin Rd. - William Roger Greeley, architect (see Roland Greeley to Anne Grady, 24 Feb. 1984)
- 10 Hayes Ave. (AGp) - are this and 12 Hayes Ave. Willard Browns? (see Schoenhut letter #3)
- 12 Hayes Ave. (SZ, AGp)
- 29 Hayes Ave. (SZ, AGp) - is this a Willard Brown?
- 57 Meriam St. - #387 in 1984 survey
- 60 Meriam St. - #388 in 1984 survey
- 61 Meriam St. - #389 in 1984 survey
- 73 Meriam St. (AG) - stucco
- 97 Meriam St. (AG)
- 6 Oakmont Cir. (AGp) - Willard Brown? (see Schoenhut letter #7)
- ? Oakmont Cir. (NS) - a brick mansion
- 18 Oakmont Cir. (AG, LW) - built for Lulu Blake, widow of Hallie C. Blake
- 38 Somerset Rd. - William Roger Greeley, architect (see Roland Greeley to Anne Grady, 24 Feb. 1984)
- 42 Somerset Rd. (AG)
- ? Somerset Rd. - several Willard Brown houses (see Schoenhut letter #4a, #5)

*Area form on Lexington Park (NS)* - would include its establishment and effect on the development of this part of Lexington. The one house on the following list in the Lexington Park area—9 Pine Knoll Rd. (see *20th c. Eclectic, Other* below)—was probably built after the park closed. Tom Sileo and Alice Hinkle (*Globe* reporter for “Northwest Weekly”) are currently interested in this topic.

*Area form on Lowell St. (NS)* - one of the two turnpikes through Lexington (the other, Concord Ave., was the subject of an area form in 1984). Would include a discussion of why the turnpike was established; why, unlike other turnpikes of the era, it is not absolutely straight but has a “jog” near Maple St.; and why there are so few Federal houses remaining along Lowell St. in contrast to Concord Ave., which has many Federals. (I think the answer is that many of the Lowell St. Federals burned while those on Concord Ave. did not, but more research is needed.) The area form would, of course, include the Lowell St. properties included in the 1998 survey.

*Federal* - These houses were omitted from the 1998 survey only for lack of space and because, being in the East Lexington Historic District, they are already protected to some extent. They should definitely be included in the next survey.

531 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ, EW) - William L. Smith 1853 and 1875 maps; George O. Smith 1889 (see Worthen, *Tracing . . .*, 64).

536 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ, EW) - Penney-Russell House (see Worthen, *Tracing . . .*, 63)

*Greek Revival* - These houses were omitted from the 1998 survey only because they have lost so much architectural integrity and precedence had to be given to more intact houses. If the LHC continues the policy of giving precedence to age, they should probably be included in the next survey.

12 Adams St. (SZ)

198 East St. (SZ, AG)

7 Fern St. (SZ)

8–10 Sheridan St. (SZ, EW) - John Bacon House, moved from site of the old high school, now Muzzey Condominiums, sometime between 1918, when it's shown on the Sanborn map of that year (Pl. 6), and 1924 when the high school was enlarged (see Worthen, *Calendar History*, 112)

12 Sheridan St. (EW) - ell of John Bacon House

*Italianate* - review the Italianates in the existing inventory to determine which of these should be added

71 Adams St. (SZ)

92 Adams St. (SZ) - is this the former Lawland Dairy that Harold Millican and others kept telling me about?

218 Bedford St. (SZ, AG)

4 Carol Ln. (SZ)

12 Cedar St. (SZ)

135 Cedar St. (SZ, AG)

32 Clelland Rd. (SZ)

21 Columbus St. (SZ)

25 Curve St. (AG)

27 Curve St. (NS)

12 Fern St. (SZ)

12 Fletcher Ave./10 Sherman St. (SZ) - built by Charles G. Fletcher in 1885 as a rental property (Lexington Valuation Lists; see also 7 Fletcher Ave. form)

13 Fletcher Ave. (SZ) - built by Charles G. Fletcher in 1885 as a rental property (Lexington Valuation Lists; see also 7 Fletcher Ave. form)

16 Fletcher Ave. (SZ) - built by Charles G. Fletcher in 1887 as a rental property (Lexington Valuation Lists; see also 7 Fletcher Ave. form)



- 17 Fletcher Ave. (SZ) - built by Charles G. Fletcher in 1887 as a rental property (Lexington Valuation Lists; see also 7 Fletcher Ave. form)
- 20 Fletcher Ave. (SZ) - built by Charles G. Fletcher in 1887 as a rental property (Lexington Valuation Lists; see also 7 Fletcher Ave. form)
- 21 Fletcher Ave. (SZ) - built by Charles G. Fletcher in 1887 as a rental property (Lexington Valuation Lists; see also 7 Fletcher Ave. form)
- 24 Fletcher Ave. (SZ, AGp)
- 30 Grove St. (SZ, AG) - barn
- 12 Hancock Ave. (SZ)
- 66 Hancock St. (SZ, AGp) - almost included in 1998 survey
- 9 Hayes Ln. (SZ, AG) - the Crowley barn? (see Worthen, *Tracing* . . . , 16)
- 11-13 Hayes Ln. (SZ) - the 1849 Crowley house? (see Worthen, *Tracing* . . . , 16)
- 10 Independence Ave. (SZ) - (see Worthen, *Tracing* . . . , 47)
- 12 Independence Ave. (SZ) - has a large attached barn (see Worthen, *Tracing* . . . , 47)
- 4 Jackson Ct. (SZ) - (see Worthen house moving list #17 re Jackson Ct.)
- 5 Jackson Ct. (SZ)
- 9 Jackson Ct. (SZ)
- 5 Lake St. (SZ)
- 258 Lowell St. (SZ) - moved from "Shagbark Farm"? (see 265 Lowell St. form)
- 130 Marrett Rd. (SZ)
- 2209 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)
- 2295 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)
- 2318 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ) - could this be the house Tuttle built in 1855 for Simon W. Robinson? (see Tuttle list, p. 3)
- 2361 Massachusetts Ave. (AG)
- 2377 Massachusetts Ave. (NS) - twin of 2361 Mass. Ave.
- 28 Muzzey St. (SZ)
- 7 Parker St. (SZ)
- 8 Parker St. (SZ)
- 14 Parker St. (SZ)
- 15 Pleasant St. (SZ)
- 6 Raymond St. (SZ)
- 9 Revere St. (SZ, AGp) - barn, probably built at same time as 11 Revere
- 36 Shirley St. (SZ)
- 8 Stratham Rd. (SZ)
- 29 Tower Rd. (SZ) - Worthen says built by Tower for a Mr. Batchelder, the estate coachman (?), 13 years before it was moved in the 1890s from the Tower Estate to this location (see Worthen house moving list #64 and addenda)
- 6 Utica St. (SZ)
- 12 Utica St. (SZ)
- 15 Utica St. (SZ)
- 59 Vine St. (SZ)
- 8 Wadman Cir. (SZ, AG)
- 345 Waltham St. (SZ, AG)
- 14 Westminster Ave. (SZ)
- 15 Westminster Ave. (SZ, AG) - unusual raised diamond detail on cornice of house and porch
- 192 Woburn St. (SZ)
- 296 Woburn St. (SZ)
- 189 Wood St. (SZ, AG)

*Queen Anne* - There are not many QA farmhouses in the inventory

7 Ames Ave (SZ)

3 Audubon Rd. (AGp) - William Roger Greeley, architect (see Roland Greeley to Anne Grady, 24 Feb. 1984)

5 Audubon Rd. (AGp) - William Roger Greeley, architect (see Roland Greeley to Anne Grady, 24 Feb. 1984); asymmetrical roof similar to 6 School St. (see below)

92 Bedford St. (SZ)

98 Bedford St. (SZ)

110 Bedford St. (SZ)

112 Bedford St. (SZ)

116 Bedford St. (SZ) - an intact example is at 5 Tewksbury St. (see below)

122 Bedford St. (SZ)

183 Bedford St. (SZ, AG)

206 Bedford St. (SZ, AG)

260 Bedford St. (SZ)

298 Bedford St. (SZ)

336 Bedford St. (SZ, AGp)

5 Bennett Ave. (SZ)

44 Bloomfield St. (SZ)

47 Bloomfield St. (SZ)

60 Bloomfield St. (SZ)

64 Bloomfield St. (SZ)

12 Blossom St. (SZ)

81-83 Bow St. (AGp)

5 Butler Ave. (SZ)

22 Butler Ave. (SZ)

4 Camden St. (SZ)

16 Cedar St. (AG)

24 Cedar St. (SZ)

28-30 Cedar St. (SZ)

31 Clarke St. (SZ)

35 Clarke St. (SZ)

40 Clarke St. (SZ)

41 Clarke St. (SZ)

15 Columbus St. (SZ)

17 Columbus St. (SZ)

27-29 Cottage St. (SZ)

10 Crescent Hill Ave. (SZ)

12 Crescent Hill Ave. (SZ)

12 Curve St. (AGp)

12 Evergreen Ln. (SZ)

3 or 5 Fern St. (SZ)

15 Fern St. (SZ)

29 Fern St. (SZ)

43 Fern St. (SZ)

49 Fern St. (SZ)

40 Fletcher Ave. (SZ)

5-7 Forest Ct. (SZ)

6-8 Forest Ct. (SZ)

43 Forest St. (SZ)

2 Grant Pl. (SZ) - altered in 1998  
 11 Grant Pl. (SZ)  
 19 Grant Pl. (SZ)  
 35 Grant St. (NS)  
 37 Grant St. (SZ)  
 119 Grant St. (SZ)  
 109 Grove St. (SZ, AG)  
 73 Hancock St. (SZ, AGp)  
 5 Hibbert St. (SZ)  
 15 Hibbert St. (SZ)  
 19 Hibbert St. (SZ)  
 14 Hill St. (SZ)  
 16 Hill St. (SZ)  
 18 Hill St. (SZ)  
 33 Hill St. (SZ)  
 6 Jackson Ct. (SZ)  
 7 Jackson Ct. (SZ)  
 8 Jackson Ct. (SZ)  
 10 King St. (SZ)  
 76 Laconia St. (SZ, AG)  
 16 Lake St. (SZ)  
 32 Lincoln St. (SZ)  
 46 Lincoln St. (SZ)  
 6 Locust Ave. (SZ)  
 8 Locust Ave. (SZ)  
 10-12 Locust Ave. (SZ)  
 11 Locust Ave. (SZ)  
 14 Locust Ave. (SZ)  
 141 Lowell St. (SZ, AGp)  
 519 Lowell St. (SZ)  
 33 Maple St. (SZ, AGp)  
 570 Marrett Rd. (SZ)  
 1977 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)  
 2160 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)  
 2243 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)  
 2407 Massachusetts Ave. (AG)  
 29 North St. (SZ)  
 126 North St. (AG)  
 10 North Hancock St. (AG)  
 20 North Hancock St. (SZ, AG)  
 36 North Hancock St. (SZ, AG)  
 10 Parker St. (SZ)  
 26 Parker St. (SZ)  
 30 Parker St. (SZ)  
 33 Parker St. (SZ)  
 34 Parker St.  
 40 Parker St. (SZ)  
 47 Parker St. (SZ)  
 48 Parker St. (SZ) - according to Worthen, this house was moved here from Concord Hill (upper Mass. Ave.; see Worthen house moving list #88) but it appears to be almost identical to 50 Parker St.

50 Parker St. (SZ)  
 3 Patricia Terr. (NS)  
 17 Percy Rd. (SZ)  
 32 Percy Rd. (SZ)  
 37 Percy Rd. (SZ)  
 10-12 Plainfield St. (SZ) - similar configuration to one at 118-120 Garden St. in Cambridge (across from the fire station)  
 4 Pleasant St. (SZ)  
 53 Pleasant St. (SZ)  
 7 Raymond St. (SZ)  
 8 Raymond St. (SZ)  
 4 Reed St. (SZ)  
 12-14 Reed St. (SZ)  
 33 Reed St. (SZ)  
 45 Reed St. (SZ, AG) - built in 1901 for Daniel A. Gorman (Lexington Valuation Lists; see also 7 Sunny Knoll Ave. form)  
 49-51 Reed St. (SZ, AG)  
 59 Reed St. (SZ)  
 76 Reed St. (SZ)  
 101 Reed St. (SZ)  
 22 Revere St. (SZ, AGp)  
 6 School St. (SZ)  
 3 Sheridan St. (SZ)  
 5 Sheridan St. (SZ)  
 7 Sheridan St. (SZ)  
 19 Sherman St. (SZ)  
 27 Sherman St. (SZ)  
 7 Shirley St. (SZ)  
 15 Shirley St. (SZ)  
 20 Shirley St. (SZ)  
 24 Shirley St. (SZ, AG)  
 23-27 Shirley St. (SZ, AG)  
 33-35 Shirley St. (SZ)  
 5 Sylvia St. (SZ)  
 7-9 Sylvia St. (SZ)  
 15 Sylvia St. (SZ)  
 18 Sylvia St. (SZ)  
 5 Tewksbury St. (SZ, AG)  
 6 Tewksbury St. (SZ)  
 7 Tewksbury St. (SZ)  
 3-5 Utica St. (SZ)  
 11 Utica St. (SZ)  
 56 Vine St. (SZ)  
 35 Wachusett Dr. (SZ)  
 960 Waltham St. (SZ)  
 19 Welch Rd. (AG)  
 6 Westminster Ave. (SZ)  
 10 Westminster Ave. (SZ)  
 30 Winter St. (AG)  
 65 Winter St. (AG)

*Shingle Style* - There are relatively few in Lexington and in the inventory

- 7 Adams St. (SZ, AGp)
- 2 Audubon Rd. (AG) - Willard Brown for the Newhalls (see Schoenhut list #13)
- 9 Audubon Rd. (NS)
- 51 Bloomfield St. (SZ)
- 38 Cedar St. (SZ)
- 98 Laconia St. (SZ, AG)
- 64 Marrett Rd. (SZ, AGp)
- 341 Marrett Rd. (SZ) - first house in Fair Oaks (see Area Form Y)
- 52 North Hancock St. (SZ, AG)
- 4 Washington St. (SZ)

*Colonial Revival* - compare with Colonial Revivals already in the inventory to determine which should be added

- 21 Adams St. (SZ)
- 24 Adams St. (SZ)
- 25 Adams St. (SZ)
- 36 Allen St. (SZ)
- 32 Arcola St. (AG)
- 51 Baker Ave. (SZ)
- 100 Bedford St. (SZ)
- 130 Bedford St. (SZ)
- 134 Bedford St. (SZ)
- 154 Bedford St. (SZ)
- 197-199 Bedford St. (SZ)
- 255 Bedford St. (SZ)
- 300 Bedford St. (SZ)
- 419 Bedford St. (SZ)
- 9 Belfry Terr. (SZ, AG) - first house built on Forest St. Extension (now Belfry Terr.)
- 76 Blake Rd. (AGp) - published example of house in the Manor area
- 55 Bloomfield St. (SZ)
- 89 Bow St. (SZ)
- 16 Burlington St. (SZ)
- 30 Charles St. (SZ)
- 4 Chase Ave. (SZ)
- 87 Cliffe Ave. (SZ)
- 21 Colony Rd. (AG)
- 22 Eliot Rd. (SZ)
- 41 Grant St. (NS)
- 89 Hancock St. (SZ, AG)
- 33 Harding Rd. (NS) - identical to 37 Harding Rd.
- 37 Harding Rd. (AG)
- 6 Hastings Rd. (SZ)
- 25 Highland St. (SZ)
- 6 Hill St. (SZ)
- 10-12 Hill St. (SZ, AG)
- 50 Hill St. (SZ) - Willard Brown in early 1930s for Sherman Hardy? (see Schoenhut list #16)
- 17 Holland St. (SZ)
- 45 Lincoln St. (SZ)

- 27 Locust Ave. (SZ)  
 31 Maple St. (SZ, AGp) - built sometime between 1898 and 1903 for Edward L. Tyler, son of Henry H. Tyler at 27 Maple St. and brother of Arthur S. Tyler at 29 Maple (Lexington Valuations Lists, maps; also see 27 and 29 Maple St. forms)  
 80 Marrett Rd. (SZ, AGp)  
 335 Marrett Rd. (SZ)  
 358 Marrett Rd. (SZ)  
 366 Marrett Rd. (SZ)  
 410 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)  
 2151 Massachusetts Ave. (AG)  
 22 Muzzey St. (SZ)  
 21 Oakland St. (SZ)  
 40 Outlook Dr. (SZ)  
 75 Outlook Dr. (SZ) - Willard Brown for George E. Briggs before 1913; one of the two earliest houses in Fair Oaks (see Schoenhut letter #15, Area Form Y)  
 69 Pleasant St. (SZ)  
 109 Reed St. (SZ)  
 40 Rindge Ave. (SZ)  
 10 Sherman St. (SZ)  
 9-11 Shirley St. (SZ)  
 16 Stratham Rd. (SZ)  
 195 Waltham St. (AG)  
 209 Waltham St. (SZ, AG)  
 7 Winthrop Rd. (SZ)  
 14 Winthrop Rd. (SZ)  
 18 Winthrop Rd. (SZ)  
 25 Winthrop Rd. (SZ)  
 195 Woburn St. (SZ, AG)  
 205 Woburn St. (SZ)  
 139 Wood St. (SZ, AG)

*Dutch Colonial Revival* - Very few included in the inventory

- 1 Adams St. (SZ, AGp)  
 36 Albemarle Ave. (AG) - brick  
 49 Baker Ave. (SZ)  
 88 Bedford St. (SZ)  
 104 Bedford St. (SZ)  
 266 Bedford St. (SZ)  
 293 Bedford St. (SZ)  
 22 Bowker St. (SZ)  
 61 Burlington St. (SZ)  
 34 Clarke St. (SZ)  
 39 Clarke St. (SZ)  
 68 Cliffe Ave. (AG)  
 21 Crescent Hill Ave. (AG)  
 45 Forest St. (SZ)  
 53 Grant St. (SZ, AG)  
 10 Hancock Ave. (SZ)  
 69 Hancock St. (SZ, AGp)  
 4 Hastings Rd. (SZ)



6 Hayes Ln. (NS)  
 32 Hillcrest Ave. (AG)  
 15 Lake St. (SZ)  
 31 Lincoln St. (SZ)  
 37 Maple St. (SZ)  
 360 Marrett Rd. (SZ)  
 364 Marrett Rd. (SZ)  
 763 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)  
 2564 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)  
 4 Paul Revere Rd. (SZ)  
 5 Reed St. (SZ)  
 97 Reed St. (SZ)  
 98 Reed St. (SZ)  
 17 Sherman St. (SZ)  
 22-24 Sherman St. (SZ)  
 17-19 Shirley St. (SZ)  
 28 Sylvia St. (SZ)  
 33 Sylvia St. (SZ)  
 24 Tarbell Ave. (SZ)  
 4 Tewksbury St. (SZ)  
 15 Theresa Ave. (SZ, AG)  
 15 Vine Brook Rd. (SZ)  
 34 Winter St. (AG)

*Craftsman* - Because of the 1910 cut-off date of the survey conducted by Sally Zimmerman's class, there are probably many more Craftsman houses in Lexington than listed here.

Bungalows - There are very few in the inventory. The following list is not comprehensive and a windshield survey to locate other examples of this style is strongly recommended.

18 Albemarle Ave. (SZ)  
 24 Bellflower St. (AG)  
 33 Brandon St. (AG)  
 62 Cary Ave. (SZ)  
 136 Cedar St. (NS)  
 140 Cedar St. (SZ, AG)  
 346 Concord Ave. (SZ)  
 404 Concord Ave. (SZ)  
 416 Concord Ave. (SZ)  
 42 Fletcher Ave. (AGp)  
 63 Grant St. (AG)  
 47 Hancock St. (AGp)  
 16 King St. (NS)  
 67 Lowell St. (AG)  
 274 Marrett Rd. (SZ)  
 280 Marrett Rd. (NS)  
 286 Marrett Rd. (NS) - stucco  
 290 Marrett Rd. (NS)  
 292 Marrett Rd. (NS)  
 294 Marrett Rd. (SZ, NS)  
 214 Massachusetts Ave. (NS)  
 18 Middle St. (AG)

83 North Hancock St. (AG) - stucco  
 10 Norton Rd. (AG)  
 11 Parker St. (SZ)  
 7 Pleasant St. (NS)  
 95 Reed St. (SZ)  
 6 Robinson Rd. (SZ)  
 20 Simonds Rd. (AG)  
 3 Sunny Knoll Ave. (NS) - stucco; built in 1922 for Daniel A. Gorman Jr. (Lexington Valuation Lists)  
 18 Tarbell Ave. (SZ)  
 21 Tower Rd. (SZ)  
 333 Waltham St. (AG)

4-Squares - There are very few in the inventory. Again, this list is not definitive and a windshield survey is strongly recommended.

118 Bedford St. (SZ)  
 229 Bedford St. (SZ)  
 18 Bridle Path Ln. (AGp)  
 19 Charles St. (SZ) - stucco  
 9 Cliffe Ave. (AG)  
 27 Estabrook Rd. (AG)  
 36 Forest St. (NS)  
 9 Glen Rd. (SZ)  
 2 Hill St. (SZ)  
 124 Laconia St. (SZ)  
 40 Lincoln St. (SZ)  
 1998 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)  
 60 Oak St. (SZ)  
 19 Parker St. (SZ)  
 21 Parker St. (SZ)  
 35 Parker St. (SZ)  
 37 Parker St. (SZ)  
 38 Parker St. (NS)  
 28 Reed St. (SZ)  
 52 Reed St. (NS)  
 56 Reed St. (SZ)  
 2 Tewksbury St. (SZ)  
 25 Valley Rd. (SZ, AG)  
 346 Waltham St. (NS)

Higher-style Craftsman - Compare with Meriam and Upper Meriam Hill areas in deciding what else to add

33 Adams St. (SZ)  
 6 Audubon Rd. (AGp)  
 69-71 Bedford St. (SZ, AG)  
 73-75 Bedford St. (SZ, AG)  
 77-79 Bedford St. (SZ, AG)  
 81-83 Bedford St. (SZ, AG)  
 315 Bedford St. (SZ)  
 20-22 Cliffe Ave. (AG)  
 42 Cliffe Ave. (SZ, AG)  
 8-10 Dunham St. (AG)

29 Lincoln St. (SZ)  
 11 Lockwood Rd. (AG)  
 84 Maple St. (AGp)  
 399 Marrett Rd. (SZ, AG) - built in 1907 for Edward S. Payson (see Worthen, *Tracing . . .*, 111).  
 2287 Massachusetts Ave. (SZ)  
 47 Robinson Rd. (SZ)  
 12 Shirley St. (SZ)  
 29-31 Shirley St. (SZ)  
 9 Valley Rd. (SZ)  
 439 Waltham St. (AG)  
 9 Washington St. (SZ)

*20th c. Eclectic* - Again, because of the methodology of previous surveys, this category is very incomplete  
Brick Tudors - Spotted all around town, usually isolated from others with the exception of the  
 concentration on Taft Ave. If you decide to include them, you should look for more.

45 Adams St. (NS)  
 17 Cary Ave. (NS)  
 49? Cliffe Ave. (NS)  
 12 Coolidge Ave. (AGp)  
 7 Dexter Rd. (AG)  
 546 Lowell St. (NS)  
 9 Prospect Hill Rd. (NS)  
 40 Prospect Hill Rd. (AG)  
 4 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 5 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 6 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 8 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 10 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 11 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 12 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 14 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 15 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 16 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 ? Taft Ave. (NS)  
 22 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 26 Taft Ave. (NS)  
 4 Wadman Cir. (NS)

Stucco or stone with brick trim - again, usually isolated examples; this is *not* a definitive list

4 Blossom St. (NS)  
 21 Blossom St. (NS)  
 7 Dunham St. (NS)  
 35 Hillcrest Ave. (NS)

"Live edge" siding - see form #589 (1 Grassland St.) for the only example already surveyed; not a complete list

107 Cedar St. (NS)  
 21 Locust Ave. (NS)  
 564 Lowell St. (NS)  
 2210 Massachusetts Ave. (NS)  
 11 Robbins Rd. (AG, LW) - also, remains of East Lexington water tower are in back yard

*Other*

- 16 Belfry Terr. (AGp) - William Roger Greeley, architect (see Roland Greeley to Anne Grady, 24 Feb. 1984)
- 21 Glen Rd. South (NS) - Sears Roebuck house, reportedly built as wedding present for daughter of family on Oakland St.
- 11 Hancock St. - William Roger Greeley, architect (see Roland Greeley to Anne Grady, 24 Feb. 1984)
- 1 Hill St. (AG) - Jacobethan; omitted from 1998 survey only for lack of space
- 2101 Massachusetts Ave. - Willard Brown (see Schoenhut letter #11)
- 2184 Massachusetts Ave. - Willard Brown (see Schoenhut letter #12)
- 6 Oakland St. - William Roger Greeley, architect (see Roland Greeley to Anne Grady, 24 Feb. 1984)
- 9 Pine Knoll Rd. (AG)

*Contemporary* - The first two were suggested as intact examples in neighborhoods of contemporary houses

- 5 Marshall Rd. (AG)
- 15 Patterson Rd. (AG)
- 93 Pleasant St. (AG) - an early Hugh Stebbins

*Moved and converted barns* - I recommend including all of this category as a record of what these houses were and from where they were moved

- 125 Grant St. (AG) - needs research to determine what it is and, if moved, where it came from
- 259 Marrett Rd. (EW) - barn from Matthew Bridge House, 271 Marrett Rd. (see Worthen house moving list #122)
- 44-46 Parker St. (EW) - barn from Robinson estate on Stratham Rd. (see Worthen house moving list #92)
- 45 Parker St. (EW) - Rolfe barn (see Worthen house moving list #87, #88, and addenda)
- 5 Raymond St. (EW) - Dr. Currier's barn from 21 Muzzey St. (see Worthen house moving list #21)
- 13-15 Somerset Rd. (EW) - Hayes Estate barn (see Worthen house moving list #133)
- 462 Waltham St. (NS) - it's on a brick foundation and has a barn-like profile. Needs to be checked out.

*Other converted outbuildings*

- 56 North St. (SZ) - This looks like a converted barn. Is it?
- 14 Walnut St. (SZ) - probably a converted outbuilding from the Moynahan farm, was also assoc w. Minute Man Golf Club (see form #553)

*Institutional*

- 314? Bedford St. (AG) - Parker School, Willard Brown architect

*Needs more research*

- 36 Adams St. (SZ) - on the 1853 map (C. Locke) but has been completely rebuilt (only the front basement wall is of fieldstone and the rest are concrete or concrete block) and not clear how much original house remains
- 19 Cedar St. (SZ) - the assessor's list says 1830 but there is nothing to indicate such a date—this house is not on any historical map and is probably the bungalow it appears to be. The phone number for the owners listed in the 1998 snoopy book was incorrect, however, so I was not able to verify this.
- 45 Grove St. (AG) - on the site of Ebenezer Simond's house (on 1853 map and undoubtedly earlier) but appears to be an altered QA; is it an early house?
- 537 Lowell St. (SZ) - owner says original section is old but all visible sections are on concrete or concrete block foundations
- 9 Patricia Terr. (SZ) - reportedly a hunting cabin, not shown on Lexington historical maps but may be on Arlington maps

II. If another survey is funded, decide in conjunction with the MHC on the level of documentation that can be required.

The 1998 survey proved conclusively that it is possible to date most houses in Lexington to their exact year of construction by using a combination of deed and assessors' research. Although the MHC does not generally require this level of research, it is strongly recommended that it be required in future surveys, particularly since most of the properties still to be surveyed are late 19th or 20th century, a period for which both the deeds and the assessors' records are far easier to use than they are for the 18th or first half of the 19th century.

III. In conjunction with MHC, decide which, or if, forms in the existing survey will be corrected

In the course of the 1998 survey it became apparent that many of the forms in the existing inventory are incomplete or incorrect. The consultant reviewed all these forms and tabulated the results, which are shown in the attached table. Some of the errors and omissions have already been corrected by the consultant; others could be corrected if the LHC and MHC so decide.

*Incorrect address* - The consultant has corrected all wrong street addresses *in ink* on both the forms and in the index in volume I.

*Incorrect date* - The date on the form was corrected *in pencil* only if it was clearly contradicted by the information in the historical narrative. These corrections were made in pencil. Many of the dates could obviously be made more precise, but this would involve more historical research.

*Incorrect style* - Clearly one of the major problems in the existing survey are the incorrect style designations—this applies to about half the forms in the 1975–76 survey and over one-third in the 1984 survey (see table). In the 1975–76 survey the style was often incorrect because the terms now in use had not yet been generally accepted (e.g., “Vernacular farmhouse” rather than “Federal,” “Classical Revival” rather than “Greek Revival,” “Early bracketed” rather than “Italianate,” etc.). In the 1984 survey, many of the styles designated were not those used by the MHC (e.g., “Second Period,” “workers cottage,” “mid-nineteenth century vernacular,” “late nineteenth century vernacular”); in these cases the MHC often recorded “No style” when entering that form into MACRIS, the MHC database. In other cases, the MHC changed the style designated by the surveyor (e.g., “Queen Anne” instead of “Shingle Style”).

Although some feel that style is one of the least important pieces of information listed on page one of a “B” form, it is important that the style designation be correct if the survey is going to be distributed to realtors (see recommendation V.)—the object, after all, is to get realtors to dispense accurate information about these houses. I have therefore, on the basis of the photograph and sometimes in conjunction with the architectural and/or historical information, entered the correct style on all the forms *in pencil*. When it was not possible to make a definitive determination on the basis of the available evidence, I added a question mark (“?”) after the style name.

*Inadequate map* - I have added, *in pencil*, north arrows, street labels, and circles around unmarked properties but did not attempt to redraw illegible maps.

*Incorrect map* - I have added a correct north arrow *in pencil* to those maps where they were wrong but have not corrected erroneous street placements.

## PREVIOUS SURVEY FORMS – ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

	TOTAL NO.	ADDRESS		DATE	STYLE		MAP			ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION			HISTORICAL NARRATIVE	
		Incor-rect	None		Incor-rect	Incor-rect	Inade-quate	Incor-rect	None	Inade-quate	None	Inade-quate	None	None
1975-76 SURVEY	207	12	4	23	106		19	3	19	190		16	82	78
Area Forms	5						3			4	1	4	1	
Building Forms	202													
v. 5	57	5	3	9	22		1	3	19	46	11	19	27	27
v. 6	73	3	1	9	40		8	0	0	70	2	27	26	26
v. 7	72	4	0	5	44		7	0	0	70	2	32	24	24
1984 SURVEY	321	1	0	0	122		45	54	0	18		54	20	61
Area Forms	21													
Building Forms	300													
v. 2	99	0	0	0	65		21	50	0	7	51	8	54	54
v. 3	101	0	0	0	37		24	4	0	4	3	8	6	6
v. 4	100	1	0	0	20		0	0	0	7	0	4	1	1
TOTALS	528	13	4	23	228		64	57	19	208		70	102	139
Area Forms	26													
Building Forms	502													

## Notes:

“Incorrect style” includes both incorrect and no style designations

“Inadequate map” means one that is illegible, has no north arrow, does not indicate the property in question, or has an unlabeled street.

“Incorrect map” is one with an incorrect north arrow or with a street in the wrong location.



*Inadequate architectural description* - Almost all forms in the 1975–76 survey have inadequate architectural descriptions because these descriptions are in the form of notes rather than complete sentences.

*No architectural description* - The large number of forms in the 1984 survey without architectural descriptions are almost all in the Woburn St. area, the result of the unfortunate decision (in which I participated, so I feel I can say this) to discuss all the houses of one type, e.g., “workers cottages before 1876,” “other houses before 1876,” “houses built after 1876,” on the area form rather than describing each individual house on its own form.

*Inadequate or no historical narrative* - In the 1975–76 survey about three-quarters of the forms have little or no history; in the 1984 survey, the large number of forms without any history are again mostly in the Woburn St. area, the result of the decision to discuss the history of the area as a whole on the area form, but not to research the history of individual houses.

*Missing pages* - In addition to the errors and omissions enumerated in the table, the copy reviewed (the one normally in Room 111) was missing the following pages:

- v. 1 - Area P (Curve St.), pp. 1–2
- v. 2 - Form #323 (78 Woburn St.) - p. 2 (the p. 2 now with this form is a duplicate of p. 2 of form #301 [36 Woburn St.])
- Form #388 (60 Meriam St.) - p. 2

*Incorrect covers* - The covers of vols. 5–7 of the copy reviewed (and presumably all other copies) reads “Undated 1984 by S. Lawrence Whipple” instead of “Updated . . .”

## Recommendations

### *Corrections that definitely should be made*

1. Locate the master copies of the missing pages, copy them, and insert them into all sets from which they are missing.
2. Correct the covers of vols. 5–7.
3. Field check those properties for which the style designation is followed by a question mark (“?”) and designate a definite style.
4. Enter all the corrections that have been made on page 1 of the forms—address, date, style (including the corrections made in step #2 above), north arrow, street label, and property designation—onto the master form(s) and the various copies (at the main branch and East Lexington libraries, the latter copy now at David Kelland’s house; in Room 111 at the Town Office Building; and at the Lexington Historical Society).
5. MHC enter the corrected styles, and possibly the dates, into MACRIS (so that “No style” will no longer be the most prevalent style in Lexington). Having a correct list of the styles in the existing survey is important in determining which properties to include in the next survey. (Style designations have been corrected on two of the print-outs received from the MHC—“Lexington buildings by address 22 Sep 1997” and “PRP Architectural Style”—both in the “MHC Printouts” folder in the box of materials returned to the LHC at the conclusion of the 1998 survey.)

### *Corrections that are desirable*

1. Write an architectural description and historical narrative for each of the houses in the Woburn St. area (Forms #301–364). Doing the historical research on these houses would fill in some important gaps in

Lexington history, indicating, for example, whether they were originally built by Irish owners or whether the Irish acquired them from others.

2. Correct the maps that are illegible or have misplaced streets.

*Corrections that would be nice but probably too expensive to make*

1. Write adequate architectural descriptions and historical narratives for all forms. Although the architectural descriptions do not seem important, it would be very nice to have the historical research completed on all buildings in the inventory. It is probably more important, however, to add additional properties so, if Lexington receives funding in the future, it should probably go toward expanding the survey rather than completing this aspect of the existing survey.

#### IV. Publicize the inventory

Although the copy of the inventory at the library is reportedly used by students, homeowners, and architects, the fact that there is such an inventory remains unknown to many residents and town boards. The survey process involves too much hard work, good research, and town expense to remain as invisible as it has hitherto been. Publicizing the most recent survey and the existence of this inventory of historical resources would also help address the problem of the unknown commission. There are probably many ways to correct this situation; one I recommend immediately is:

An article in the *Minuteman*. What I have in mind should be on the first page of the main section or the Second Front, entitled something like, "Want to Know More about Your House?," and discuss the survey process, the inventory as a whole and the information it includes, where copies can be located, and probably the function of the Historical Commission itself.

#### V. Reproduce the 1998 survey in the same form as previous surveys, i.e., a bound volume, reproduce more copies of the entire inventory, and distribute them more widely than in the past

I recommend that copies of the entire inventory be located at: the Main and East Lexington libraries, Lexington Historical Society, Lexington Historical Commission, Selectmen's Office, Board of Appeals Office, Planning Board Office, Assessor's Office, and at every real estate agency in town. It would also be nice to give complete copies of the inventory to Anne Grady and Nancy Seasholes in return for their pro bono work for the commission. How to pay for this? By asking each of the realtor offices to contribute \$100 (or whatever it costs to reproduce this many copies divided by the number of real estate offices in town.) A pitch will naturally have to be made to the realtors about the benefits of such a project, but I think that once they know about the survey and the information it contains, they would each welcome having a copy in their office.

Please note that before the existing inventory is copied, some of the mistakes should be corrected (see recommendation III. above regarding mistakes in the existing survey and the recommended corrections). The corrections that should be made before the survey is more widely distributed are those I recommend in the first category, i.e, missing pages, covers, address, date, style, north arrow, street label, and property designation. The survey should not be distributed more widely unless these corrections are made.

#### VI. Investigate becoming a Certified Local Government (CLG).

A certified local government is, to quote directly from a MHC fact sheet, "recognition that a community's municipal historic preservation program meets certain state and federal standards." Becoming a CLG would make it easier for the LHC to get MHC funding. To continue quoting from the MHC fact sheet:

*What are the Benefits of Becoming a certified Local Government?*

- CLGs are eligible to compete for at least 10 percent of the federal funds annually allocated to the MHC to support historic preservation projects in their communities.
- CLGs participate directly in the review and approval of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.
- CLGs receive technical training and assistance specifically targeted to their needs.
- Certification is formal recognition by the state and federal government of local preservation efforts.

*What are the Requirements for Becoming a Certified Local Government?*

- Enactment and enforcement of a local historic district ordinance or bylaw.
- Appointment of a qualified historic preservation commission.
- Establishment of an ongoing program for the identification of historic resources in the community.
- Provision for public participation in local historic preservation activities.

VII. Initiate a plaque program.

A plaque program should, of course, be voluntary but I think there should be one for those who are interested. The big decision is whether to have an authorized plaque design or whether to encourage people to design their own, as is now the case. If the former, I recommend that it say only "Lexington Historical Commission" and the date of the house; I think including the house name makes it visually too crowded, and the name is often one that has been designated by the surveyor rather than one that has been historically associated with the house for a long time. I suggest getting in touch with the historical commissions in Waltham and Belmont, two adjoining towns that have plaque programs and may be able to offer advice. The MHC may also have some suggestions.

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